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NEW FISHING REGULATIONS IN RUMANIA

[Comment: The following instructions for carrying out Decree No 1,060, issued in Bucharest on 9 April 1953 by the Council of Ministers, establish new fishing regulations for 1953. It is interesting to note in this connection that the shortage of food in Rumania has been reflected by an unusual number of decrees on food and agriculture. Rumanian newspaper articles in the past have spoken of increased fishing catches in Rumanian waters. However, the present decree sets up measures for conservation of fish to bring about greater yields in the future.]

Article 1

The following fishing regulations will be enforced to protect various species of economic value during the spawning season and to protect their young during the early stages of growth.

a. Between 1 April and 15 May 1953, pike perch and carp may not be caught in any waters of the country.

b. Between 15 April and 15 May 1953, fishing is forbidden in all Danube Delta lakes and in all lakes that make up the Razelm area for the following species of fish: carp, white fish, tench, smelt, redfish, baby sturgeon, and crucian.

c. Between 15 April and 15 June 1953, fishing is forbidden in all lakes of the Danube flood plains, from kilometer 116 to Gruia at kilometer 851, as well as in all valley streams and inland lakes, for the following species of fish: carp, white fish, tench, smelt, crucian, baby sturgeon, and redbfish.

d. Between 15 April and 15 June 1953, at the mouth of the Danube, in territorial waters around the Danube mouth, and from there to kilometer 371, fishing for the following is forbidden: all species of sturgeon, including *acipenser stellatus*, sterlet, and *acipenser glaber*.

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e. Between 1 April and 1 July 1953, fishing of the following species is forbidden in all rivers and their tributary streams: lake trout, barbel, and large herring (*Chondrostoma nasus*).

Article 2

The following exceptions to the provisions of Article 1 are made, and fishing will be permitted in the following:

- a. Stocked lakes and fish ponds.
- b. Border rivers.
- c. The entire Danube River, except for sturgeon. Fishing for sturgeon is forbidden, according to Article 1, Paragraph b.

Article 3

The following are declared protected zones, and all fishing therein is forbidden:

- a. From 1 April to 1 August 1953, the Nedeea, Carna, Bistret, and Potelu-Orlea lakes, Celei Lake in Craiova Regiune, Maharu Lake in Bucharest Regiune, and the Borcea area, Constanta Regiune.
- b. From 1 April to 31 December 1953, the lakes of Insula Mica in Braila, Galati Regiune.

Article 4

Fishing for all species is permitted near hedges and rushes, when waters drop suddenly, or in cases of epidemics which might cause important losses to fish supply, in the following: in the lakes of the Danube flood plains, as well as in the Nedeea, Carna, Bistret, and Potelu-Orlea lakes, in Celei Lake in Craiova Regiune, in Maharu Lake in Bucharest Regiune, and the Borcea-de-Jos area in Constanta Regiune.

Article 5

Transportation and distribution of fish and roe from waters where fishing is not prohibited requires prior procurement of proof of origin issued by the agencies controlling these waters.

Article 6

The following is completely forbidden in protected zones in seasons mentioned in these instructions:

- a. Fishing for shellfish.
- b. Destruction of spawn and young fish.
- c. Canoeing or boating in lakes or driving of cattle into lakes, except in the zones permitted by the agents of the fishing enterprise.
- d. Cutting of water plants, reeds, and rushes, except in zones where this is permitted.
- e. The dredging of sand and gravel from lakes.

Article 7

Persons violating the present regulations will be apprehended, sentenced, and punished in accordance with the provisions of Decree No 183 of 1949.

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